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England Cottages

land was virtually paralyzed under a two-foot blanket of snow and a large section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike was closed because of snow and icy surfaces. Story on Page A3.

Be Coming Here e Lady's Safety

ally with Mrs. the insurance. Even a "price- less" painting must be in- sured, and one figure quoted has been a valuation of \$100 million.

Yesterday in Paris, Waver- ley Root of The Washington Post Foreign Service said the morning Figaro published an appeal to Americans to de- cline the loan of the Mona Lisa. "You don't ask a beau- tiful woman to come to you," the paper chided, "you go see her."

Latest Move in Campaign
This was the latest move in a Figaro campaign to symbo- lize opinion against exposing the painting to the ravages of time.

He was shown at gallery and the Museum of Art City transporting and a masterpiece worked out. It is belated, is a premium for

Wilson Says

Implies President
Delayed Action for
Political Motives

By Edward T. Folliard
Staff Reporter

Rep. Bob Wilson of Cali- fornia, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, told the Re- publican National Commit- tee here yesterday that the Cuban crisis cost the Grand Old Party as many as 20 House seats.

He said that he and some other members of Congress knew about the existence of Russian offensive weapons in Cuba six weeks before the

Gov. Rockefeller's politi- cal aides try to head off any boom for Presidency now, as far too early.
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1962 election, having been given the information by Ad- ministration officials at a secret briefing on Capitol Hill. But President Kennedy did nothing, Wilson said, until the Republicans "forced" him to take action.

Recalling a recent remark by Mr. Kennedy that Ameri- cans must expect further crises, Wilson told a May- flower luncheon audience that he sometimes has nightmares that the Democrats will ar- range for a crisis every Octo- ber in advance of an election.

'Overestimating Guiltibility'

"But I think they are over- estimating the guiltibility of the public," Wilson said. "They (the voters) are not go- ing to swallow manufactured crises in the future."

Asked afterward by report- ers whether he was accusing President Kennedy of manu- facturing the Cuban crisis for a political purpose, the Cal- ifornian said:

"The point is that the inac- tion and the management of the news helped build up the crisis that had to be solved."

"I don't think we can have any more manufactured crises."

Miller Credits GOP

Rep. William E. Miller of New York, chairman of the Republican National Commit- tee, agreed that the Cuban crisis hurt GOP chances of making gains in Congress. He also joined with Representa- tive Wilson in giving the Re- publicans credit for exposing the Russian build-up in Cuba.

He added: "Thus, with two weeks remaining before Elec- tion Day, the President took the steps which Republican leaders had been urging upon him. The net effect was un- known."
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Rescuer's Effort to Trapped

Chancellor Agrees to Retire

Erhard to Succeed Adenauer Next Fall

By Flora Lewis

The Washington Post Foreign Service

BONN, Dec. 7—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has formally agreed to retire in the fall of 1963, it was announced today.

While no specific date was set, it was expected that he would step down when Par- liament reconvenes after the summer recess.

Adenauer's decision cleared the way for a new coalition Government between his Christian Democratic Union and the minor Free Demo- cratic Party.

The two parties conducted detailed negotiations today.

and final agreement was expected soon. A spokes- man said they wanted to form a government that would be sufficiently solid to conti- nue until the 1965 elections without a reshuffle when Adenauer is replaced.

Vice Chancellor and Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard is to succeed Adenauer. While the Christian De- mocrats could not yet agree to name Erhard as the new Chancellor, the party was everything short of a far- rightist.
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Kennedy Praises SAC After Tour of Offutt Base

By Carroll Kilpatrick

Staff Reporter

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 7—President Kennedy today described the Strategic Air Command's contribu- tion to a peaceful settlement of the Cuban crisis as "paralleled in the history of air power."

He paid this high tribute to the Air Force's strategic power after spending three hours in the underground command post at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Neb.

Mr. Kennedy then flew to Los Alamos, N. M., and Al- buquerque to inspect work on Project Rover, the program to develop a nuclear propul- sion system to send men to the moon.

On this 21st anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the Commander-in-Chief saw a demonstration of military might, which he described as the basis for suc- cess of his Cuban policy and which he hopes will avert an- other Pearl Harbor.

One SAC bomber can carry the nuclear equivalent to all the bombs dropped in World War II.

At Los Alamos, Mr. Ken- nedy said the United States fails to take into account "what an extraordinary bur- den and what an extraordinary job" it has done in the last 17 years "in the defense of freedom."

from zero to a missile of more than 150.

It was this enormous increase in offensive power which former President Dwight D. Eisenhower alluded to last year when he claimed that it was strength he ordered de- veloped that made Presi- dent Kennedy's Cuban action possible.

After visiting Los Alamos, the Nation's center for developing nuclear weapons, Mr. Kennedy went through the Sandia Corp. in Al- buquerque, Sandia designs, builds and monitors production of nuclear bomb components.

U. S. to insist that Soviet withdraw bulk of troops from Cuba, estimated up to 15,000.
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participated in the recent difficult nuclear tests.

At Offutt, the President awarded a plaque to SAC for "meritorious achievement during the Cuban missile crisis."



Page A1 Districting High Court

that the State has acted every ten years since 1932 and that in each reapportionment more representation has been given to urban areas.

He called the 1962 reapportionment "fair, just and equitable" and said it was enacted only after careful study by a special commission and by the General Assembly. The legislation was approved by big majorities and represents what the people of Virginia acting through their elected members of the General Assembly wanted, Harrison said.

He argued that more than population figures must be taken into consideration in reapportionment. If numbers are to be the only criteria then the job could be done mathematically by a board of election, Harrison said.

"Historically, legally and properly," he said the job had been invested in a legislative body.

Consideration must be given, he said, to geography and to political subdivisions. He pointed out that Virginia is a large and complex state with rural and urban areas divided by mountains, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

He outlined a plan for reapportionment drawn up by the University of Virginia's Bureau of Public Administration that was submitted to the legislature and was little part of the Federal Court record.

Under this plan, he said, the State Senator from the 7th Constitutional District in Virginia's rural south side would represent 9 counties and 13 towns and would have to deal with separate officials in each of these jurisdictions.

On the other hand, the court ruling pointed out, the 1962 reapportionment left one Senator representing the equivalent of 100,000 persons, as compared with the maximum of 70,000 in the 1950s.

Rep. Wilson Tells GOP Strategists That Cuba Crisis Timing Hurt Party

questionably a sharp upturn in Mr. Kennedy's personal popularity and prestige."

But the Republican strategists assembled at the Mayflower did not limit their oratory to what happened on Nov. 6.

They were looking ahead to 1964 and talking about plans for a GOP comeback.

"Make no mistake about it," said Chairman Miller. "The Republican Party stands substantially stronger than it did before the election. We are growing in popular favor."

This is the time when all of us must recognize that unity in planning, purpose and action must be solidified and maintained. That is the only formula for success—the secret of victory in 1964."

Miller announced that henceforth the Republicans would go all out in what they call "Operation Dixie," which has brought the GOP 11 House seats in the South. He noted that in 1958 there were 95 congressional seats in the South that the Republicans did not even contest.

"Our resolve to wipe out the Democrats' built-in advantage began to bear fruit in 1962," he said. "The number of seats for which there was no Republican candidate dwindled to 57."

"In 1964—unless our opponents again wish to give up districts without a fight—there will be no uncontested congressional races. We plan to field a candidate against every Democrat, however well entrenched he may seem to be."

Chairman Miller said the Republican Party was not only out to smash the Democratic monopoly on Senate and House seats, but was determined to pick up additional electoral votes in the South in presidential elections.

"The record shows," Miller continued, "that few of the South's 128 electoral votes can be taken for granted by the Democrats much longer."

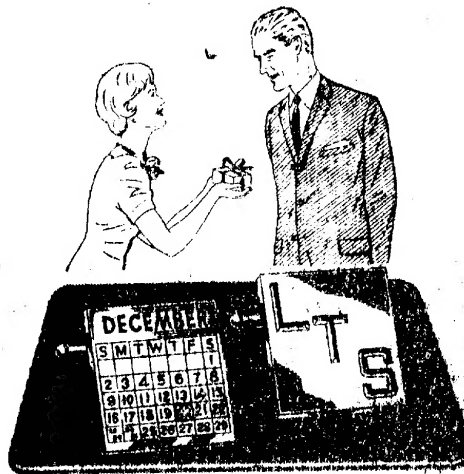
And do not be misled or dismayed by those who are trying to give Northern Republicans a guilt complex over our Southern impasse. Our successes in the South need no apology. They are the product of hard and intelligent effort by the part of people dedicated to the Republican principles of freedom and sound government."

Four new members were seated by the Republican National Committee at yesterday's meeting: Mrs. Forrest Braden of Arizona; Richard F. Treadway of Massachusetts; Myrtle Watson of South Dakota; and Fred La Rue of Mississippi.

Richard B. Sellers, committee treasurer, reported that the Party's debt, which was \$800,000 in January, had been reduced to \$414,000.

Ray C. Bliss, Republican state chairman for Ohio, told reporters that he had thought of succeeding Miller as national chairman.

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Dedicated Effort

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Mr. Miller's remarks highlighted a gathering of members of the National Committee and state chairmen from all 50 states to discuss the outcome of this year's election and make plans for the party's 1964 campaign.

What little politicking there was in the meetings was subdued but the general feeling was that New York's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller will be able to obtain the nomination for asking Committee members and particularly the State chairmen appeared more concerned in getting the party on an even keel for the 1964 presidential campaign.

One of the principal issues was whether Mr. Miller should continue in his dual role as a member of Congress from New York State and as chairman of the National Committee, which has to direct the party's affairs until the next presidential campaign gets under way.

Southerners Meet

The question was brought to the forefront by Southern state chairmen who met briefly at night and plan another day today before a "give-like" closed session of the National Committee tomorrow.

Southerners, supported by some Midwestern and Pacific Coast chairmen, believe the National Committee should be headed by a full-time member. There was no criticism of Mr. Miller by the party's leaders for anything like its goals for next year's election.

Feelings were expressed by Vernon Riffe, Mississippi chairman and leader of southern groups who said before Bill Miller but were kept quiet throughout the day.

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Bliss Not Interested

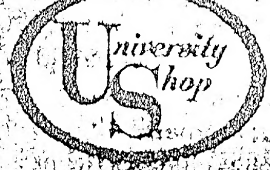
But Mr. Bliss, who led the State into a victory for Vice President Nixon in the 1960 presidential campaign and the election of a Republican governor this year, disposed of the

Bliss seemed to add... subject we have a commission... strong party organization at the State and county level."

"If we do that, we can take on the Kennedys and beat them."

Mr. Miller, in his report to the National Committee, put the best light possible on the Republican disappointment over losing four Senate seats and winning only a fraction of what they had hoped to obtain in the House.

The national chairman credited President Kennedy's action in ordering a blockade of Cuba as a principal reason for the Republican failure.



Eye-popper! The popcorn stitch

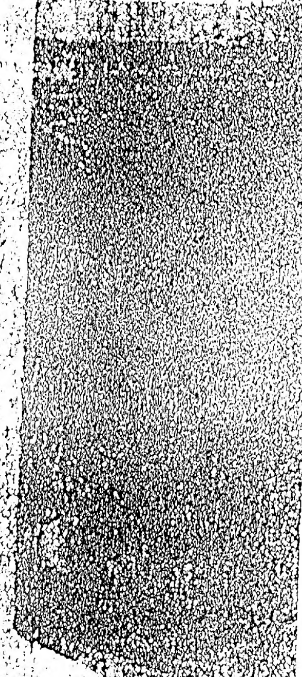
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